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SUBJECT: TINY CLOUDS ON FRANCO-SOVIET HORIZON

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AS FRENCH PUBLIC BEGINS FOCUS ON GISCARD'S OCTOBER MOSCOW TRIP, ATMOSPHERICS OF FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS CONTINUE TO BE SLIGHTLY TAINTED BY SERIES OF LARGE AND LESS LARGE EVENTS. WHILE THEY WILL IN NO SIGNIFICANT SENSE AFFECT GOF APPROACH TO VISIT THEY DO TEND TO REOPEN QUESTIONS PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS MOSCOW'S CSCE COMMITMENT. END SUMMARY.

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2. MOST IMPORTANTLY, ATMOSPHERE PRECEDING GISCARD'S

OFFICIAL RETURN VISIT TO MOSCOW IS DIFFERENTIATED FROM THAT PRECEDING RAMBOUILLET BY IMPACT OF EVENTS IN PORTUGAL. ALTHOUGH FRENCH PC IS LABORING TO PUBLICLY DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE IMAGE OF ITS PORTUGUESE BRETHREN, PROFOUND QUESTIONS ABOUT "DEMOCRATIC" AND "CONSTITUTIONAL" COMMITMENT OF PCF, IN CONTEXT OF THE UNION OF THE LEFT, ARE INEVITABLY ONCE AGAIN IN AIR AND WASH OVER INTO THE DOMAIN FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS.

3. THESE CONCERNS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REINFORCED, AT LEAST FOR SERIOUS NEWSPAPER READING PUBLIC, BY BREZHNEV'S CURIOUS DECISION TO GIVE ZARODOV PROMINENT RECEPTION (MOSCOW 13362). WHILE INTERPRETATIONS OF COURSE DIFFER, HERE AS ELSEWHERE, GENERAL IMPRESSION HAS BEEN LEFT THAT, AT THE VERY LEAST, THIS GESTURE COULD ONLY SERVE TO ENCOURAGE KREMLIN HARDLINERS WHO VIEW WESTERN CP'S AS REVOLUTIONARY FORCE. VIRTUALLY SIMULTANEOUS SETBACK OF PORTUGUESE CP SEEMS TO HAVE MADE BREZHNEV'S MOVE MORE ACADEMIC THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE CASE. IT NEVERTHELESS ILLUSTRATED ONCE MORE FOR MANY FRENCHMEN THE BASICALLY REVOLUTIONARY AIMS OF SOVIET IDEOLOGY. OFFICIALLY GOF IS IGNORING ZARODOV EPISODE. HOWEVER, FOR GISCARD, ON EVE HIS MOSCOW TRIP, THIS AFFAIR CANNOT HELP BUT UNDERSCORE UNDERLYING AMBIGUITY OF "SPECIAL" FRENCH-USSR RELATIONSHIP, WHICH HIS UPCOMING TRIP IS SUPPOSED TO HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT PCF ALSO CONFRONTED BY ZARODOV DILEMMA DOES NOT HELP GOVERNMENT IN THIS CASE.

4. OTHER IRRITANTS ALSO CONTINUE TO CROP UP. THUS, FRENCH MEDIA THIS WEEK GIVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO HIGHLY CRITICAL CONCLUSIONS OF RECENT VISIT TO USSR OF THREE FRENCH LAWYERS, REPRESENTING INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ON RETURN LAWYERS GAVE WIDELY PUBLICIZED PRESS CONFERENCE. MAIN CONCLUSION WAS THAT SOVIETS ARE CLEARLY NOT TRYING TO LIVE UP TO CSCE COMMITMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN DOMAIN OF HUMAN RIGHTS. LAWYERS CITED SERIES OF SPECIFIC CASES, INCLUDING INTERVIEW WITH SAKHAROV.

5. IMPRESSION THAT, AFTER EXPLOITING HELSINKI SUMMIT,  
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SOVIETS HAVE THUMBED THEIR NOSES AT CSCE COMMITMENTS IS ALSO BEING FED BY MORE SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF LOCAL INTEREST. THUS LAST WEEK A YOUNG SOVIET INTERPRETER NATALIA PETRACHOVA DISAPPEARED HERE WITHOUT TRACE AFTER JUMPING SHIP OFF SOVIET FREIGHTER "ALEXANDER PUSHKIN" AT LE HAVRE. POLICE HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO DISCOVER HER WHEREABOUTS.

6. MORE INTENSIVE AND EMBARRASSING PUBLICITY HAS  
SURROUNDED CONTINUING SAGA OF FRUSTRATED MARRIAGE PLANS  
BETWEEN SOVIET CHESS CHAMPION SPASSKY AND A FRENCH  
EMPLOYEE OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL SECTION IN  
MOSCOW, MARINA TECHERBATCHEFF. FRENCH MEDIA PLAYED STORY  
HEAVILY, ELABORATING TACTICS SOVIETS USED TO FRUSTRATE  
MARRIAGE PLANS AND STRESSING THAT THIS IS HARDLY  
PROMISING BEGINNING FOR IMPLEMENTATION HUMAN CONTACTS  
AND MARRIAGE PROVISIONS CSCE FINAL ACT. GOF HAS ALSO  
LOOKED BAD BECAUSE OF ITS ALLEGED EFFORTS TO TERMINATE

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MISS TECHERBATCHEFF'S CONTRACT AND HUSTLE HER OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION BEFORE THE MARRIAGE COULD BE ARRANGED. WE HAVE HEARD FROM CONTACT IN PRESIDENCY THAT GOF HAS BEEN TRYING TO WORK PROBLEM OUT WITH SOVIETS QUIETLY, EMPHASIZING THAT MISS TECHERBATCHEFF PLANS TO REMAIN IN SOVIET UNION WITH SPASSKY WHO SHOWS NO SIGN OF WANTING TO EMIGRATE. FRENCH WEEKLY LE POINT NOW ALSO SUGGESTS THAT SOVIETS MAY BE RECONSIDERING THEIR POSITION AND MAY  
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SOON PERMIT SPASSKY MARRIAGE, PRESUMABLY TO SUPPLY HAPPY ENDING JUST BEFORE GISCARD'S TRIP. EVEN SO BAD TASTE OF INITIAL SOVIET REACTIONS REMAINS.

7. COMMENT: WE ARE BY NO MEANS TRYING TO SUGGEST THAT ATMOSPHERICS DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL, IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY, AFFECT CURRENT FRENCH-SOVIET STATE (AS OPPOSED TO IDEOLOGICAL) RELATIONS, OR PROGRAM OR EVEN ATMOSPHERE OF GISCARD VISIT. WE DO, NEVERTHELESS, HAVE IMPRESSION THAT, FOR VARIETY OF REASONS, BLOOM OF FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS IS FADING SLIGHTLY. OUR INSTINCT IS THAT, IN THIS DOMAIN AS WELL, PRESENT FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE ITS INTERESTS, BUT PERHAPS IN A MORE REALISTIC AND MODERATE WAY THAN MIGHT ONCE HAVE BEEN THE CASE.  
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